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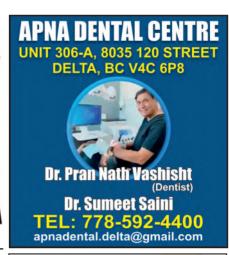
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Surrey Police To Use Drones At Vaisakhi Parade To Monitor Traffic, Enhance Safety

By Surbhi Gogia

The Surrey Police Service (SPS) will be using drones at Surrey Nagar Kirtan to monitor crowd movement, traffic flow, and overall safety. SPS has procured these drones, got certification from the federal government and hired certified pilots to operate them during the upcoming Vaisakhi parade on Saturday, April 19th. The announcement was made by Surrey Police Chief Norm Lipinski at a South Asian media roundtable held last week. During the conference, the Chief engaged with media representatives, providing updates on the police transition addressing questions on public safety concerns in



Surrey Police Service Chief Norm Lipinski at a South Asian media roundtable

Surrey.

The Surrey Nagar Kirtan, the largest Sikh parade in North America outside India, is expected to draw over 500,000 attendees. This year, for the first time, SPS will be

responsible as the police of jurisdiction during the parade. Chief Lipinski expressed confidence in handling the event, stating that the police have already coordinated with stakeholders, including key

the RCMP—still part of the transition process—city officials, the mayor's office, and bylaw officers.

"In most aspects, we will replicate what the RCMP did during past parades, but we are also leveraging technology, such as drones," said Chief Lipinski. "Drones provide a high vantage point, helping us monitor traffic congestion and respond swiftly to emergencies."

Police Transition and Public Safety

Providing an update on the transition, Lipinski emphasized that tensions with the city are now a thing of the past and the transition process is going extremely smooth. "Everyone—the city,

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Pannun's Derogatory Remarks On Dr Ambedkar **Spark Tensions**



Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) headed by Gurpatwant by Singh Pannun recently released another community. video with a fiery message and this time the (Read full story focus of his attack was India's revered leader on Page 23)

Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar, the architect of the **Constitution** of Pannun India. said SFJ was responsible for vandalizing Ambedkar's statue at Nangal village in Phillaur division sub Jalandhar \mathbf{of} district. vandalism has sparked protests the Dalit

Donald Trump Imposes Sweeping Tariffs Across Countries; Canada Hits Back

.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday unveiled global reciprocal tariffs during an event at the White House in what he has referred to as "Liberation Day."

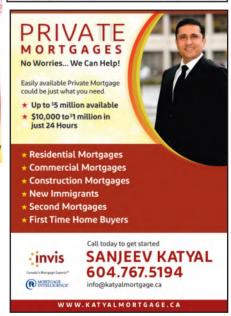
Trump announced plans to impose a baseline tariff of 10% across all countries, upping those duties for various partners whom he

described as bad actors. Canada, however, was not on the list, and the executive order later confirmed that it would not face additional tariffs. Rather, the existing tariff regime, which exempts goods covered Canada-United-



States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA), will remain in place. While some important elements of the Canada U.S. trade relationship have been preserved, new tariffs on automobiles have now entered into force.

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City of Surrey Proposes 2.8% General Property Tax Increase

2025-2029 General Operating and Capital Budgets are now available for the public to view

The City of Surrey's 2025-2029 General Operating and Capital Budgets are now available for the public to view. The Budgets have been formulated based on direction from Mayor Brenda Locke and Surrey Council, reflecting City strategies, resource requirements to maintain service delivery and feedback on community priorities obtained during the City's budget engagement process. "In these challenging and uncertain economic times with U.S. tariffs looming, our Council has dedicated itself to preparing a budget that proposes a modest 2.8% general property tax increase— among the lowest in the entire region," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "This is less than half of our general property tax increase in last year's Five-Year Financial Plan. Our Council has worked hard to ensure that we keep tax rates low while still addressing the essential needs of our growing community."

"Last year, we reached a critical crossroads regarding our police service, with the looming threat of massive tax hikes to fund the Surrey Police Service," Locke said. "Thanks to our unwavering commitment and diligent negotiations, we negotiated up to \$250 million from the province—funding that Surrey's previous Council had neither sought nor even considered. This support has helped alleviate the financial burden on our taxpayers. Our Council remains committed to making prudent financial decisions that prioritize the well-being of our residents while upholding our responsibility for sound fiscal management."



Mayor Brenda Locke

The property tax increases proposed in the 2025 General Operating Budget are as follows:

2.8% General Property Tax increase (approximately \$77 for the average assessed single-family home) to fund: General inflationary pressures; hiring of additional 20 Fire Services positions and 10 bylaw positions for 2025, as well as funding 25 police positions; and City-wide operations.

1% Roads and Traffic Levy (approximately \$27 for the average assessed single-family home)

If the proposed increases are approved, the City's portion of property taxes for the average assessed single family home in the City of Surrey would be \$3,169, which would place Surrey in the bottom third of the region for property taxes collected for the respective average assessed home in Metro Vancouver.

"While we are being financially prudent, we are not compromising on the infrastructure our growing city needs," noted Mayor Locke. "We are proposing an ambitious \$701 million Capital Plan over the next five

years, which is the largest financial commitment in the City's history including funding for 36 projects—10 of which are new this year."=

Among other key initiatives, the City is moving forward with transformative projects ranging from a 10,000-seat Sports and Entertainment Arena and an Interactive Art Museum—both set to become cornerstones of Surrey's emerging City Centre Entertainment District - to smaller investments including an Ash-Scattering Pier off the banks of the Fraser River.

The proposed Capital Plan also includes moving ahead with the new Newton Community Centre, as well as a significant \$446 million investment in capital road works over five years to enhance the City's transportation infrastructure.

A public meeting of the Finance Committee will be held April 14, 2025 at 1pm to consider the 2025 Budget.

The public can provide comments in person at the Finance Committee meeting or through written submissions (email clerks@surrey. ca or fill out an online form). The deadline for written comments is April 11, 2024.

The 2025 General Operating and Capital Program Budget reports can be found at the following links:

Five-Year (2025-2029) Financial Plan – General Operating https://www.surrey.ca/sites/default/files/corporate-reports/2025-Five-Year-2025-2029-Financial-Plan-General-Operating.pdf Five-Year (2025-2029) Financial Plan – Capital Program https://www.surrey.ca/sites/default/files/corporate-reports/2025-Five-Year-2025-2029-Financial-Plan-Capital-Program.pdf

Surrey's Mohammad Jawaid Aziz arrested in US for smuggling banned goods to Pakistan's military and nuclear weapons program

US authorities have arrested a 67-year-old man from Surrey, B.C., accusing him of smuggling banned goods to Pakistan's military and its nuclear weapons program over more than 15 years.

of the network was to obtain U.S.-origin goods on behalf of prohibited entities in Pakistan that were associated with the country's nuclear, missile, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) programs.

The U.S. Department of Justice unsealed an indictment at a US court charging Mohammad Jawaid Aziz, also known as Jawaid Aziz Siddiqui and Jay Siddiqui, 67, of Pakistan and Canada, with conspiracy to violate U.S. export laws and violating U.S. export laws. Siddiqui was arrested on March 21 in the Western District of Washington while attempting to cross into the United States from Canada. He remains detained. pending transfer to the District of Minnesota.

None of the allegations have been proven in court. As alleged, from as early as 2003 through approximately March 2019, Siddiqui operated an illicit procurement network through his Canada-based company Diversified Technology Services. The purpose

obtain U.S.-origin goods on behalf of prohibited entities in Pakistan that were associated with the country's nuclear, missile, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) programs. According to indictment, Siddiqui, while operating through Diversified Technology Services, procured various goods - including sensitive and restricted items subject to export administration regulations (EAR) and those on the Commerce Control List - from U.S. companies on behalf of the restricted entities in Pakistan. As alleged, Siddiqui and his co-conspirators worked to conceal the true endusers of the goods from U.S. companies, often using front companies

Siddiqui is charged with conspiracy to violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEPA) and Export Control Reform Act,

and transshipping goods

through third countries to

evade detection.

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Niki Sharma BC Attorney General

'Values Of Sikhism Echo Perfectly Those That Canadians And British Columbians Hold Dear'

Niki Sharma, Attorney General, has released the following statement in celebration of Sikh Heritage Month:

"April marks Sikh Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the rich history of Sikhism.
"The values of Sikhism echo perfectly those that Canadians and British Columbians hold dear, from the belief that all people are created equal to

understanding the importance of serving one's community. These are the beliefs that the first Sikh migrants to B.C. in the early 1900s brought with them, and they are what have defined the contributions that Sikhs have made to this province.

"Today, nearly 300,000 Sikhs call British Columbia home, making it one of the largest Sikh populations outside of Punjab, India. Even in the face of exclusionary policies and systemic racism, Sikhs have shown resilience and have built thriving communities. They are staunch advocates for justice, compassion and inclusivity, especially in times of crisis. From health care and agriculture to business and politics, today, Sikhs are leaders in all areas of our society.

"The challenges faced by Sikhs in B.C. have changed over the years. Some of the most pressing concerns right now are anti-immigration sentiment, negative stereotyping associated with religious symbols and systemic barriers to accessing services. Our government

Happy Sikh Heritage Month!

is committed to fighting back, through investment in community-led initiatives and implementing legislation like the Anti-Racism Act.

"The best way we can eradicate hate and bigotry is by learning about each other's cultures, highlighting our similarities and celebrating our differences. This Sikh Heritage Month, I encourage all British Columbians to explore the festivities in your communities and learn about Sikh culture and traditions.

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which carries a maximum statutory penalty of five years in prison; and violating the Export Control Reform Act, which carries a maximum statutory penalty of 20 years in prison. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors

Sue J. Bai, head of the Justice Department's National Security Division, Assistant Director Roman Rozhavsky of the FBI's Counterintelligence Division, and Special Agent in Charge Aaron Tambrini of the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) Chicago Field Office, Office of Export Enforcement

made the announcement.

Homeland Security Investigations
Minneapolis, the FBI Minneapolis
Field Office, and the Department
of Commerce's BIS Chicago Field
Office are investigating the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley Endicott for the District of Minnesota and Trial Attorney Nicholas Hunter of the National Security Division's Counterintelligence and Export Control Section are prosecuting the case. They received assistance from Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Jensen from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington and the Department's Office of International Affairs.

An indictment is merely an allegation. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.



Mark Carney's Liberals Unveil Plan To Build Homes And Protect Canadian Agrifood Workers



During his election campaign this week, Mark Carney announced that a new Liberal government would build

more homes that Canadians can afford, with Canada's most ambitious housing plan since the Second World War.

During and after the Second World War, Canada was facing a massive housing crisis — similar to today's. In response, the government of the day built tens of thousands of affordable starter homes for returning veterans and their families. "Canada has solved a housing crisis before, and we can do it again," he said.

"We're going to get the government back into the business of homebuilding, while partnering with workers and industry, and cutting taxes for home buyers - so more Canadians can buy their first homes."

A Mark Carney-led Liberal government will double the pace of construction to almost 500,000 new homes a year. The housing plan that will create Build Canada Homes (BCH) to get the federal government back into the business of home building, by acting as a developer to build affordable housing at scale, including on public lands.

The federal government will be catalyzing the housing industry by providing over \$25 billion in financing to innovative prefabricated home builders in Canada, including those using Canadian technologies and resources like mass timber and softwood lumber, to build faster, smarter, more affordably, and more sustainably; and,

Make the housing market work better by catalyzing private capital, cutting red tape, and lowering the cost of homebuilding by cutting municipal development charges; facilitating the conversion of existing structures into affordable housing units; and, building on the success of the Housing Accelerator Fund.

Plan to protect Canadian agrifood workers

In the face of President Trump's tariffs, the Liberal Party of Canada today announced Liberals will implement a suite of policy measures to defend

supply management, invest in businesses and workers, and cut red tape. Other measures include Protect Canada's commitment to supply management and supply-managed sectors such as dairy, poultry, and eggs; Making permanent doubling of the revenue protection for farmers under the AgriStability Program, from \$3 million to \$6 million per farm, in the case of significant revenue drops caused by the impacts of extreme weather events, and other external shocks;

Build more domestic processing capacity, including

food processing capacity in rural and remote areas, with a new \$200 million



Domestic Food Processing Fund; Increase support for farmers, ranchers,

and producers to access new markets for their food products with an additional \$30 million in the AgriMarketing Program; Increase the help for farmers and ranchers to buy new, more efficient farm equipment with a \$30 million top up to the Agriculture Clean Technology Program; and,

Double the loan guarantee limit, from \$500,000 to \$1 million, of the Canadian Agricultural Loans Act program and expand terms by 5-10 years.

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Here Is What Conservative Leader Promised This Week During Election Campaign

ock Up the Worst Criminals for Life This tax cut will be available for any capital Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre said will impose life sentences for anyone who is convicted of: 5 or more counts of human trafficking; Importing or exporting ten or more illegal firearms and Fentanyl trafficking.

He said that crime wave is the direct result of the Liberals' soft-on-crime agenda. Bill C-5 ended mandatory jail time for serious gun and drug crimes, letting criminals off the hook. Bill C-75 weakened bail, putting repeat offenders back on the streets faster. And Liberals slashed penalties for human traffickers, making it harder to lock them

Canada First Reinvestment Tax Cut

Any person or business selling an asset will pay no capital gains tax when they reinvest the proceeds in Canada. Companies that reinvest in active Canadian businesses will also defer any capital gains tax. These gains will still be taxed later on when investors cashes out or move the money out of Canada. The break will be available on any reinvestments done until the end of 2026.

gains reinvested between July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2026. But, if it causes a major economic boom, as expected, Conservatives will make it permanent. 'Canada First' National Energy Corridor

A Conservative government will create a 'Canada First' National Energy Corridor to fast-track approvals for transmission lines, railways, pipelines, and other critical infrastructure across Canada in a pre-approved transport corridor entirely within Canada, transporting our resources within Canada and to the world while bypassing the United States. In the corridor, all levels of government will provide legally binding commitments to approve projects. This means investors will no longer face the endless regulatory limbo that has made Canadians poorer. First Nations will be involved from the outset, ensuring that economic benefits flow directly to them and that their approval is secured before any money is

He said, between 2015 and 2020, Canada cancelled 16 major energy projects, resulting in a \$176 billion hit to our economy. The Liberals killed the Energy East pipeline and passed Bill C-69, the "No-New-Pipelines" law, which makes it all but impossible to build the pipelines and energy infrastructure we need to strengthen the Canadian economy. And now, the PBO projects that

the 'Carney cap' on Canadian energy will reduce oil and gas production by nearly 5%, slash GDP by \$20.5 billion annually, and eliminate 54,400 full-time jobs by 2032. An average mine opening lead time is now nearly 18 years—23% longer than Australia and 38% longer than the US. As a result of the Lost Liberal Decade, Canada now ranks 23rd in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index for 2024, a seven-place drop since 2015.

Axe The Annual Liberal Beer Tax **Increase**

Conservatives promised to axe the automatic annual tax increases on alcohol that the Mark Carney Liberals hiked on April 1. Conservatives will bring the tax rate back down to 2017 levels so Canadians pay less and businesses earn

He said that this annual tax hike is automatic, meaning it gets increased without a vote in Parliament. Mark Carney's April 1 alcohol tax increase will cost Canadians about \$40 million in 2025-26. Since the Carney-Trudeau Liberals imposed this tax on Canadians, it has cost Canadians nearly \$900 million, while government taxes on alcohol now account for nearly half the price of what consumers pay.

Axe GST on Canadian-Made Cars, Create 'Keep Canadians Working Fund'

On a Canadian-made vehicle priced

at \$50,000, axing the GST will save consumers \$2,500. Poilievre also called on Canada's Premiers to axe their provincial sales taxes on new made-in-Canada cars, saving Canadians between \$6,000 and

\$7,500 on that same new \$50,000 car. Poilievre will also create the 'Keep Canadians Working Fund,' a targeted, temporary loan and credit program for businesses directly hit by Trump's tariffs, to keep workers working. The Fund will provide up to \$3 billion in short-term credit lines and low-interest loans to ensure companies can maintain operations and keep employees working in industries affected by Trump tariffs. The Fund is modelled on the Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP) that the Harper government created during the 2008 recession to successfully protect affected businesses and jobs.

Tax Fairness for Travelling Trades Workers

A new Conservative government will allow travelling trades workers to write off the full cost of food, transport and accommodation needed to go from one job to another while ending write-offs for luxury corporate jets that are not needed to do business. Corporations will be able to write off the equivalent of a commercial flight. Charter flights needed to get workers to remote job sites will not be impacted by this change. Travelling trades workers will be able to write off the full cost of food, transportation and accommodation.



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Conservatives Drop 4 Candidates Across Canada Including Two South Asians

With Federal Election just a few weeks away, a crisis is hitting Conservative Party. The Conservative Party of Canada has dropped four candidates out of its list this week for different reasons.

On Tuesday, the party ousted Windsor city councillor Mark McKenzie - who was running to represent the riding of Windsor-Tecumseh-Lakeshore – after CTV News obtained audio of 2022 podcast comments in which he joked about former prime minister Justin Trudeau getting the death penalty.

Hours later, Stefan Marquis — who was running for the Conservatives in the Montreal riding of Laurier—Sainte-Marie, held by Liberal cabinet minister Steven Guilbeault since 2019 — wrote in a post on social media that he is no longer a candidate for the party.

"In a call received this morning from one of Quebec's operations managers for the party, I was told without further note that 'certain' individuals within the party had consulted



my recent posts on Twitter-X and deemed these sufficient reason to end our political collaboration," Marquis wrote on X, along with a cartoon image of a hand pressing a button on a person's head to get them to

Tuesday night, the confirmed Lourence Singh would "not be a candidate" for the riding of New Westminster-Burnaby-Maillardville, but did not elaborate on the reason behind his departure.

Just a day later, Conservative Party dropped its fourth candidate Don Patel after engaging with a comment on social media that suggested that some people should be deported to India and that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should "take care" of them.

The Conservative party confirmed that Don Patel, who was running in Etobicoke North, was "no longer a candidate." Patel is the fourth candidate to be dropped in this campaign.

"Endorsing such a statement is clearly unacceptable," a Conservative campaign spokesperson said in a statement. "The Conservative Party will always stand up for the safety and security of Canadians."



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Surrey Police to use drones at Vaisakhi parade





the province, and the police-is now focused on two primary goals: completing the transition and ensuring public safety," he said.

Lipinski said, SPS, which has been operational for 120 days, has already responded to 33,000 calls, made arrests, conducted investigations, and engaged with the community. The force currently has 500 officers but needs to recruit an additional 300 to reach its target of 800.

Chief Lipinski said that while the transition may take up to three years, SPS officers are gradually increasing their presence as RCMP personnel are phased out. SPS officers are already stationed in Cloverdale and Newton, with plans to expand into South Surrey soon. Each of the city's five policing districts will have an inspector in charge.

Community Policing Crime and **Prevention**

Beyond transition updates, Lipinski outlined SPS's community policing model, emphasizing importance of community in finding solutions to the city's problems. "Our surveys with the community found that the community wants higher presence in high density areas and wants to be part of solutions to the crime prevention in the

Addressing concerns over recent shootings, including one on Scott Road that shook the community, the chief stressed the importance of proactive policing. He said that SPS will plan to deploy officers on foot and bicycles in high-density areas.

Road Safety and Cultural Sensitivity

Lipinski also highlighted road safety initiatives, noting that Surrey saw 13 fatal collisions in 2024, most linked to impaired driving. In response, SPS has established a dedicated Road Safety Unit to combat this issue. Additionally, he was mitigating a town hall to educate new immigrants on Canadian policing and the dangers of impaired driving.

Surrey's Recognizing multicultural fabric, the police chief underscored SPS's commitment to diversity. New recruits are selected from varied cultural backgrounds and undergo six weeks of mandatory cultural sensitivity training, followed by annual refresher courses. To improve communication, officers now wear name tags displaying the languages they speak. Inspector Jag Khosa further elaborated on initiatives to support marginalized communities, including the establishment of a Human Rights Unit and an Indigenous Relations Unit. "Our goal is to ensure that every officer is trained to understand and respect the communities they serve," he stated.

Focus on Youth and Crime Prevention

The police force is also prioritizing youth crime prevention, implementing proven programs to deter at risk youth from entering gang.

Chief Lipinski urged the public to report suspicious activities, such as extortion attempts, emphasizing that while cases remain stable, they are often underreported.

"We can only help if we have the information," he said, calling for greater public vigilance and cooperation.

Safety Tip **Before Heading To Surrey Nagar Kirtan 2025**

Currey Police Service is providing the Dpublic with information and helpful tips on having a safe and exciting Surrey Khalsa Day Vaisakhi Parade on Saturday, April 19th.

SPS will be on site not only for public safety and traffic control, but to also take part in all the festivities and celebrate this annual event with the community.

"We look forward to joining the community, families, businesses, and visitors to this year's Parade. The key to having fun and enjoying the event to its fullest also means having a plan in place with your family and friends prior to the event," says Staff Sergeant Lindsey Houghton, Senior Media Relations Officer at Surrey Police Service. "Every year, one of the types of help that police provide the most at the Parade is to help people find and be reunited with lost loved ones. Being prepared ahead of time and planning with your family can ensure everyone stays safe throughout the celebration."

With the significant crowds, it can be very easy for people to become separated from their group or loved ones. During previous Vaisakhi celebrations, the police have responded to dozens of incidents of missing children or elderly persons.

A safety plan may include these simple

Take a family photo before you leave the house on the morning of the Parade, this will help in locating them if needed.

- Familiarize your family members with their surroundings and have a pre-planned meeting place for the end of the event or in case you get separated.
- Make sure your family members have some form of identification and your contact information.
- Keep a current photo of your child on you in case you need to describe them to police.
- Keep your children within eyesight at all
- If a family member goes missing, notify the nearest police officer to you.
- If you live in the area that has been closed, please have your driver's license with current address to provide to police

at check point in order to get to your residence.

• We encourage people to leave their pets at home, as they may become easily startled and scared.

Road closures will be in place in the City of Surrey through the weekend due to the Parade. Police ask that members of the public make arrangements ahead of time to use alternate routes.

On the day of the Parade, road closures will be in place from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. Delays should be expected for travel between 72 Avenue to 88 Avenue, and Scott Road to King George Boulevard. For a full list of road closures and route details please visit the City of Surrey's.

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Two Men Charged With First Degree Murder And **Kidnapping Of Edmonton's Sukhvir Singh**

The Edmonton Police Service (EPS) has laid charges in the murder of a male who was found deceased in northeast Edmonton on Feb. 28.

On Friday, Feb. 28, 2025, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Northeast Branch Patrol responded to the report of a deceased male located in the area of 17 Street and Yellowhead Trail. Police determined the death to be suspicious, and EPS Homicide Section took over the investigation.

The Edmonton Medical Examiner completed an autopsy on Wednesday, Mar. 5, 2025, and identified the deceased as Sukhvir Singh, 32. The cause and manner of death are pending further investigation. However, due to the totality of the circumstances, investigators believe Singh was murdered.

Manpreet Brar and Gursimran Singh were arrested. Both men were charged with first degree murder and kidnapping in relation to Sukhvir Singh's death. Canada-wide warrants have been issued for a third male, Lovepreet Sidhu, 27, for first degree murder and kidnapping in relation to the death. All three accused were



Deceased Male: Sukhvir Singh, 32

known to the victim.

Sukhvir Singh was last seen alive in the evening hours of Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025 in the commercial area near Gateway Boulevard south of Whitemud

Investigators released the name and a photo of Singh in an attempt to prompt those who knew him or who have information about his whereabouts during the week of Feb. 24-28, 2025 to come forward to police. EPS Homicide detectives continue to investigate.

Ontario Man Arrested in Delta for Trafficking Drugs and Possession For Purpose of Trafficking

Delta Police Officer observed what Ahe believed to be a drug transaction and started an investigation. As a result, an Ontario man was arrested, and a quantity of cash, cell phones, drugs and weapons were seized.

On March 26th, 2025, an officer watched a drug transaction occur at the driver's door of a car, illegally parked in the 5200 block of 8A Ave, Tsawwassen. The officer conducted a vehicle stop and observed multiple additional indicators that the driver was trafficking controlled drugs. The driver was arrested. A search of the car and the driver located a large amount of suspected fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, cash, weapons, jerry cans of gasoline, and a balaclava.

A 20-year-old Ontario man has been released on an Undertaking



while the investigation continues. A report to Crown Counsel will follow, recommending charges of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

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\$1-Million Lotto Max Ticket Purchased in Surrey Set to Expire in May

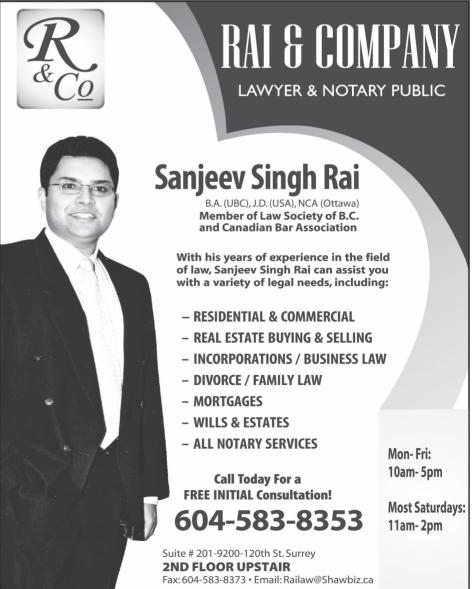
Where were you last May? If you were in Surrey, be sure to check your glove box, wallet and spring jacket pockets. A winning \$1-million Lotto Max ticket purchased in Surrey is set to expire at midnight on May 21,

BCLC is encouraging players who purchased a ticket for the May 21, 2025 Lotto Max draw in Surrey to check their tickets to see if they matched the following seven numbers: 2, 5, 23, 30, 35, 45, and 46.

All lottery prize winners have 52 weeks from the draw date printed on their ticket to come forward to claim their prize. The specific retail location where the winning

lottery ticket was purchased, and the lottery winner's name, will be announced after the winner has come forward to claim the prize. In 2024, B.C. lottery players have redeemed more than \$132 million from Lotto Max. Lotto Max is a nationwide lottery game drawn on Tuesdays and Fridays after 7:30 p.m. (PST).





NDP To Cap Grocery **Prices, Make Homes Energy Efficient**

TDP Leader Jagmeet Singh made Several promises during his election campaign including putting a cap on grocery prices and retrofitting lower income homes with energy efficient solutions and cutting bills.

Singh announced the NDP government would introduce emergency price caps on basic food items—like pasta, frozen vegetables, and infant formulato keep costs of food down. These items have seen some of the steepest increases since 2020: cooking oil is up 75 percent, pasta is up 43 percent, and infant formula—an essential for so many parents—is up 30 percent and still climbing.

NDP will also enforce a mandatory Grocery Code of Conduct to regulate pricing practices and prevent wage cuts in response to caps; and fully empower the Competition Bureau to act as a grocery price watchdog and crack down on price fixing.



Singh also announced a plan to lower energy bills, create good jobs, and stop giving oil and gas CEOs a free ride. New Democrats will eliminate public subsidies and tax breaks for oil and gas companies—saving \$18 billion over 10 years—and put that money to work for Canadians through a major home retrofit program including free retrofits for 2.3 million low-income households, and grants or low-interest loans for 1

million more—cutting energy bills by

Canada.

New Democrats will: End the Consumer Carbon Tax—for good, Keep the industrial carbon price, Keep the emissions cap in place, Eliminate oil and gas subsidies and introduce a Border Carbon Adjustment.

Singh also announced a bold plan to help families afford their first home by unlocking the financial power of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to offer lowinterest, public-backed mortgages.

By offering long-term, low-interest mortgages, the plan will directly reduce monthly costs and cut tens of thousands of dollars over the life of a mortgage. For example, a reduction of just 0.5% on a typical mortgage would save a family around \$9,500 over five years-money people could use for groceries, childcare, or saving for their

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Donald Trump Imposes...

These are on top of the previously announced tariffs, including those on steel and aluminum, which remain in place. While some important elements of the Canada U.S. trade relationship have been preserved, new tariffs on automobiles have now entered into force. These are on top of the previously announced tariffs, including those on steel and aluminum, which remain in place.

Prime Minister Mark Carney said the global reciprocal tariffs will still have an impact on the Canadian economy.

"The global economy is fundamentally different today than yesterday. We must respond with purpose and force and take every step to protect Canadian workers and businesses against the unjust tariffs imposed by the United States, including on automobiles. We will never cease to defend the interests of Canadians, safeguard our workers and businesses, and continue our pursuit to build the strongest economy in the G7," he said.

Carney said Trump's tariffs against Canadian goods are "unjustified, unwarranted and, in our judgment, misguided," and the country must hit back with what he called "carefully calibrated and targeted countermeasures" to make it clear Canada

will not stand for this sort of

economic broadside.

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Carney. announced new protect countermeasures to Canadian workers and businesses and defend Canada's economy. These countermeasures include: 25% per cent tariffs on non-CUSMA compliant assembled vehicles imported into Canada from the United States.

Canada will impose 25% tariffs on non-Canadian and non-Mexican content of CUSMA compliant fully assembled vehicles imported into Canada from the United States.

"Most importantly, every single dollar raised from these tariffs will go directly to support our auto workers," Carney said.

Carney said these measures build on the Government of Canada's previously announced supports to Canadian workers and business, including:

Temporarily waiving the oneweek employment insurance (EI) waiting period.

Suspending rules around separation for a six-month period, so workers don't have to exhaust severance pay before collecting EI. Making it easier to access EI by increasing regional unemployment rate percentages.

Deferring corporate income tax payments and GST/HST remittances from April 2 to June 30, 2025, providing up to \$40 billion in liquidity to businesses.

Deploying a new financing facility for businesses.

Providing more funding to Canada's regional development agencies, so they can better support businesses.

United States administration announced a series of unwarranted and unjustified tariffs.

"This is one of the most important days in my opinion, in American history," Trump said from the White House Rose Garden. "It's our declaration of economic independence."

Trump railed against countries he alleged have blocked U.S. access to their markets, stolen intellectual property and imposed "exorbitant" taxes on U.S. firms. "Our country has been looted, pillaged, raped, plundered by by nations near and far, both friend and foe alike," Trump declared.

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B.C. Eliminates Carbon Tax

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7ICTORIA - The B.C. government is cancelling the carbon tax by introducing legislation to drop the rate to \$0, effective Tuesday, April 1, 2025. "British Columbians are doing everything they can to reduce their emissions. But people shouldn't have to choose between climate action and being able to afford their bills," said Premier David Eby. "That's why we are eliminating the consumer carbon tax, which has become divisive at a time we need to be united. We will help people with costs and fight climate change by ensuring big polluters continue to pay, encouraging industry to innovate and giving British Columbians affordable options to make sustainable choices." The reduction of the tax to \$0

is an immediate step to align

B.C.'s carbon tax rate with the new federal carbon tax rate. The elimination of the carbon tax means people in British Columbia will no longer be required to pay the consumer carbon tax, taking approximately 17 cents per litre off the cost of fuel and approximately 15 cents per cubic metre for natural gas on their home heating bill.

The climate action tax credit, developed to help offset the impacts of the consumer carbon tax on people and families, will also be cancelled. The final payment will be distributed in April 2025.

"The carbon tax has been an important tool in B.C. for over a decade and half, but it has become too politically divisive and a distraction from the important issues we are



tackling," said Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance. "While this is a significant shift for our province, we will offset the impact while focusing on growing the economy during these challenging economic

Cancelling the tax and the credit will have an estimated impact of \$1.99 billion in the coming fiscal year. The Province will restructure programs funded by carbon tax revenue to minimize the impact on B.C.'s budget, while supporting people in British Columbia in achieving climate goals.

The Province will continue to ensure big polluters pay through the B.C. output-based carbon pricing system. The system supports decarbonization efforts, incentivizing industry to lower their emissions to avoid paying the tax.

"We remain committed to driving down emissions while making life more affordable," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions. "We are continuing to invest in practical solutions, such as home heat pump rebates for those who need them most and energyefficiency upgrades, so people can lower their energy costs and reduce emissions without bearing an extra financial burden."

NDP MLA Ravi Parmar slams Conservative MLA for promoting BC as 'Protectorate of the United States'



In a now deleted March 30 Facebook **⊥**post, Salmon Arm-Shuswap MLA David Williams promoted a graphic which depicts western Canada, including the majority of British Columbia, as the "Republic of Western Canada."

The graphic describes the western provinces as a "Protectorate of the United States." The graphic was also shared by CKNW Radio Host Jas Johal on his social



Ravi Parmar

media post.

In addition, Williams said "Confederation has not been fair to western provinces" and that "Something needs to change." BC NDP MLA Ravi Parmar: "Canada will never be the 51st state. For one of Rustad's MLAs to promote British Columbia

becoming a 'Protectorate of the United instance of pro-Trump, pro-U.S. rhetoric States' is appalling. This is just another

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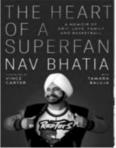
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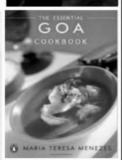




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NDP Candidates Don Davies And Manoj Bhangu Host Grand Opening Of Joint Campaign Office



VANCOUVER – Don Davies, NDP candidate for Vancouver Kingsway, and Manoj Bhangu, NDP candidate for Vancouver Fraserview-South Burnaby, hosted the grand opening of their joint campaign office at 1408 E 49th Avenue on Sunday.

The event brought together hundreds of supporters, volunteers, and community

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members.

"This campaign is about building a brighter future for our community and Canada," said Davies. "Together, we can deliver better public healthcare, affordable housing for all, and a strong, independent and prosperous Canada."

First elected in 2008, Davies has served in a number of important critic

portfolios, including international trade, finance, national security and public safety, immigration, and health.

"People are really struggling to get by, and Trump's trade war is threatening our workers and economy," added Davies. "Now,

more than ever, our community needs experienced, effective and dedicated representation."

Bhangu is a small-business owner and an engaged community advocate. He has lived in Vancouver Fraserview-South Burnaby with his family for many years. As an elected director on the board of Black Top Cabs for six years, Bhangu fought for better representation and improved working conditions. He is also the founder of Young Driving School, a driving school focused on road safety.

"Our community thrives when we come together to tackle challenges head-on," said Bhangu. "By standing united, we

can confront the issues that people are going though every day—like the need for affordable housing, good-paying jobs, and safe, vibrant neighborhoods." Davies collaborated with Bhangu to introduce motion M-128 to recognize and prohibit caste-based discrimination in Canada.

"Our campaign is powered by people—by their passion, ideas, and determination." concluded Davies. "In the face of tariffs and threats from Trump, we don't turn on each other—we stand together. Canada is our home, and we'll defend it with everything we've got."





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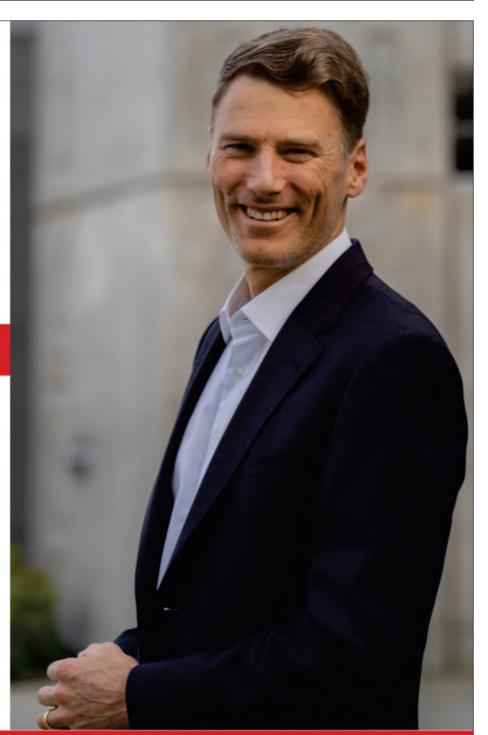
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Provincial Funding Boosts Support For Deafblind People

eafblind people B.C. will continue to receive vital intervener services thanks to more than \$654,000 in additional funding to support the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) Deafblind Community Services and Wavefront Centre for Communication Accessibility.

Deafblind people require

support to mitigate communication barriers resulting from dual loss of sight and hearing. Interveners provide specialized communication supports to people who are deafblind, making it easier for them to navigate day-to-day activities, such as grocery shopping, banking and attending appointments. Interveners support individuals who



are deafblind using a variety of communication methods, including American Sign Language (both visual and tactile), two-hand manual, voiceover, print-on-palm and large-print notes.

This funding builds on more than \$1.1 million provided to CNIB since 2022 to support a pilot initiative for intervener services. The new investment will

extend intervener services for another year and will support more deafblind adults by funding the Wavefront Centre in addition to CNIB Deafblind Community Services.

Learn More:

For information about the Canadian National Institute for the Blind in B.C., visit: https://www. cnib.ca/en?region=bc

For information about the WaveFront Centre for Communication Accessibility, visit: https://www.wavefrontcentre.ca/

For information about the Accessible British Columbia Act and its implementation, visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/about-the-bc-government/accessibility/legislation

Fraser Health Welcomes Opreet Kang as Interim Board Chair



Fraser Health is announcing that Fraser Health board chair Jim Sinclair has completed his term and has retired from his position on the Board of Directors. He retires from the position after serving as board chair since September 2017.

Vice chair Opreet Kang had also reached the end of her term and has agreed to a one-year interim appointment as Chair of the Fraser Health board, as work continues to recruit a new permanent president and CEO. Opreet's appointment will ensure continuity and stability for the organization as they recruit a new president and CEO. Opreet has been on the Fraser Health Board of Directors since her appointment in September 2017.

"I am grateful for this opportunity to lead the Fraser Health Board of Directors as we embark on the next phase of our journey to strengthen the critical health services and supports Fraser Health delivers to communities across the region," said Opreet Kang.

"Global health care worker shortages are impacting our communities and while we continue to hire hundreds more health care workers into Fraser Health, there is more work to do to build a system of care that reflects the communities we serve and that is there for people when they need it. In the coming weeks and months, the Board is focused on working with community partners to support health care workers, strengthening services for people, and recruiting a permanent president and CEO as quickly as possible."

Opreet Kang is passionate about transformative change that strengthens our communities, deepens a resilient economy and protects our environment. With over 25 years of professional and community experience, including senior leadership roles in large, complex organizations, she brings strong governance and financial expertise to the table.



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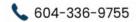


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FOR SALE



11933 96 AVENUE

This stunning custom-built home in the desirable Royal Heights neighbourhood of Surrey sits on an expansive 8,500 sq. ft. lot, offering ample outdoor space and privacy. On the market for the first time, this home features a bright and airy interior designed with modern finishes, and large windows that flood the home with natural light. Two separate laundry. A separate rental suite provides excellent income potential or an ideal in-law suite. Located within walking distance to shopping, restaurants, parks, and schools, this home offers convenience and ease of living. Extra-large garage with additional room for your hobbies or extra storage.

FOR SALE



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Choppers Drug Mart announced the Sgrand opening of the first pharmacy care clinic in Surrey, British Columbia with six more to come by the end of the year. At a time of rapid growth in the region, the clinics will provide the community with more ways to access primary care services.

Thoughtfully designed to improve the overall patient experience, the clinics offer unique features such as child-friendly exam rooms, accessible waiting areas, and an onsite "care concierge" dedicated

Shoppers Drug Mart Opens First of Seven Pharmacy Care Clinics in Surrey, British Columbia

to providing personalized support and ensuring a smooth visit for every patient. These clinics will

provide patients access to a range of pharmacy healthcare services, including the assessment and treatment of injuries and common conditions such as urinary tract infections and pink eye - free of charge with a valid British Columbia health card. Pharmacists are able to relieve pressure on frontline healthcare services and service providers by managing basic primary care conditions within their scope and triaging more serious cases to higher levels of care

"As highly trained medical professionals,

pharmacists are uniquely positioned to step up and meet some of the challenges facing public health systems across the country," said Jeff Leger, President of Shoppers Drug Mart. "Shoppers Drug Mart is proud to invest in healthcare infrastructure and open seven Pharmacy Care Clinics to serve the growing needs of Surrey residents because we know that an investment in improving access to care is an investment in healthier communities."

"Today's opening of the first pharmacy care clinic by Shoppers Drug Mart Surrey marks an important for milestone our community," said Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke. "I want to thank Shoppers Drug Mart for this important investment in our community, and I look forward to the positive impact these clinics will have on our residents. As we continue to grow and become the first city to reach one million people in British Columbia, health care needs are a priority."

"The opening of Surrey's first pharmacy care clinic is a pivotal moment in our community's healthcare journey," said Jessie Sunner, MLA for Surrey-Newton. "This clinic will provide essential services and increase access to care, making healthcare more accessible and convenient for our community. It's always great to see Surrey take steps forward in innovative healthcare solutions."

At The Heart Of Fraser Health's Roshni Clinic **Is A Group Of People Who Care Deeply**

aunched in 2017 as the first of its kind in British Columbia, the clinic provides support for people from South Asian communities who are struggling with the challenges associated with substance use.

The program is unique because it both serves and is staffed by members of the South Asian community.

Fraser Health has launched a video for people to learn more about the Roshni Clinic and the people whose passion, pride and personal connection fuel the services it provides.

Roshni Clinic is a supportive adult (19 years and older) program for men and women of the South Asian community. It addresses problems associated with

alcohol and drug use.

Services are provided in English, Punjabi and Hindi by health care providers who specialize in substance use disorder.

Services include:

Intake and assessment.

Ongoing treatment for problems associated with alcohol and drug use.

One-time consultations for family doctors who would like recommendations on managing a patient with alcohol and drug use disorder.

A holistic, patient-centred approach, with a strong focus on the cultural context and issues specific to members of the South Asian community.

Services are provided in English, Punjabi, and Hindi, and are open to all those who

self-identify as South Asian including those of Punjabi, Indian, Bangladeshi, and Pakistani descent.

Medical management of second stage withdrawal symptoms and substance use, including Methadone, Suboxone and other medications, one-to-one counselling, psychosocial educational groups, education and support for families, and telehealth appointments by phone or computer for select patients.

Referral to other supportive programs.

Men and women (19 years and older) struggling with physical and mental health issues associated with alcohol and drug

Referral

You can contact the Roshni Clinic at 604- Asian-communities



953-6190 or you can ask for a referral from the following:

Family doctor or other health care provider.

Community substance use services clinics. Withdrawal management centre (detox/ daytox).

Sobering centre.

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You can watch the video: https://www. fraserhealth.ca/news/2025/Mar/Roshni-Clinic-provides-a-safe-space-for-South-

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3 BED - 1 BATH - 10,019 SF LOT

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11956 98 AVENUE, SURREY



7 BED - 5 BATHS - 6,600 SF

Welcome to Your Dream Home! This beautiful renovated home at a prime location in a quiet neighbourhood of Royal Heights features with 7 Bedrooms & 5 Washrooms, very spacious open concept kitchen with quartz countertops & spacious open concept kitchen with quartz countertops & stainless steel appliances, Huge Living Room & Family Room, tons of Natural Light, Stone front, Glass Railing, Air Conditioning Upstairs. 2+1 Bedroom Suites as great mortgage helpers. Enjoy your morning tea in the open front deck or the covered sundeck in the backyard. Easy Access to Hwy 17, Scott Rd Skytrain station, Schools and Shopping.

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7028 142 STREET, SURREY



5 BED - 5 BATHS - 7,107 SF

Welcome to this well-maintained and updated home in the heart of Newton with over 7100 sqft lot with 77 feet Front just steps away from school and Bus Stops. Upstairs there are 3 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms with a living room, dining room and kitchen along with a bonus Family room. There are 2 separate balconies off the Family & Living Room. 2 Mortgage helpers [1 bedroom each) currently rented to Nice tenants. There is one full extra bath Downstairs. This home has lots of options to rent. The home features an updated kitchen (2015) updated washrooms (2017) and has been freshly painted. The roof has been updated as well in 2017. Walking distance to George Vanier Elementary school, daycare and to public transportation. THIS IS A MUST SEEII Please book your private Showings.

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10095 FAIRVIEW DRIVE, CHILLIWACK



4 BED - 2 BATHS - 9,750 SF LOT

best & prime neighbourhood of Fairfield Island in Chilliwack. This Beautiful Rancher with Basement house sits on a huge 9750 Sq. Feet Lot with a wide frontage of 75 feet & a Subdivision Potential (Please confirm with City) features with 3 Bedrooms & 1.5 Washroom on the main floor with a spacious kitchen equipped with Stainless Steel appliances. Downstairs you got a very spacious space, complete with two large Recreation/family rooms plus a bedroom and storage area. Roof was replaced 2-3 years back. Close to all shopping amenities, plenty of schools nearby and more parks within walking distance than

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Best Opportunity for the first time home buyers & nature lovers to enjoy the scenic beauty, spectacular north shore & panoramic coastal mountain views. This amazing Corner unit features with 2 Bedrooms & 2 Bathrooms with a Huge Master Bedroom Ensuite, A Good Size Living Room, Dining Room with fully renovated kitchen with quartz countertops & new kitchen cabinets, New stainless steel appliances & pot lights. All these appliances & renovations were done two years arpet in the whole unit is one year old. You walk to Guildford Town Centre, TNT Supermarket, dining, public library and highways. The maintenance fees include gas & hot water, One Storage locker & One Parking. There is also a bike room and lots of outdoor Visitor Parking.

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Heat for the Streets! Toyota Corolla GR- Fast and Loud!

Auto Review by Veeno Dewan

Toyota's GR Corolla Hatchback is a serious performance hatchback named for the automaker's Gazoo Racing Motorsports division, (GR). Its remit is outrageous performance in a small package - the very antithesis to the mainstream Corolla its is based on. The GR is expensive many thousands above a standard Corolla - a result of the complete reengineering from the normal Corolla. The body shell is super stiff and the floorplan altered to fit the All-Wheel Drive system. The suspension is also custom

built for superior handling and all GR Corollas are assembled in a dedicated facility where many parts are assembled and fitted by hand.

The engine

is an exquisitely engineered 1.6L three-cylinder unit producing a stupendous 300 horsepower and 295 lb-ft of torque. Adjustable suspension, performance drive modes and all kinds of performance goodies are standard.

Originally, only available with six - speed manual transmission to define its sporty performance hatchback credentials, for 2025, the most important change is the availability of an 8-speed automatic transmission option and a slight boost in torque. The direct automatic transmission (DAT) is offered as part of the new upper Premium trim line. Meanwhile, the engine has been retuned to 295 lb-ft of torque, compared to 273 lb-ft in the previous model. Other performance upgrades include uprated suspension and front and rear limited-slip differentials as standard this year.

The powertrain specification is awesome for such a small car using Toyota' rally developed GR Four All-Wheel-Drive (AWD) system giving drivers a choice of selectable 60/40, 50/50, or 30/70 split torque power distribution to the front and rear wheels. The six-speed manual transmission has selectable rev-matching, while the new eight-speed automatic arrives with paddle shifters and an awesome launch control feature. Driver selectable All-wheel drive (is standard, with front and rear Torsen limited-slip

differentials. A unique triple exhaust

that's designed to reduce backpressure for maximum power delivery finishes off the rear

The Corolla GR arrives in two trim levels. The Core trim with as standard manual transmission for \$47,915. The automatic transmission comes only in the Premium trim which is \$58,137. The Core Grade has a colour keyed roof with arear lip spoiler. GR stamped side rockers, and wide-fender flares. On the inside, there is seating for five will and GR logoed fabric sport seats. As standard issue on the Core are features such as: an eight-inch centre touchscreen with wireless phone connectivity, six speakers, heated sport seats, heated steering wheel, automatic climate control, and a 12.3-inch digital instrument cluster. Additions and changes include a synthetic suede-wrapped steering wheel and shift lever. Otherwise, it is standard Corolla ambience with a quality feel, good ergonomics, and switch gear. There is practical interior storage and decent room for front occupants. While the rear seats are tight they are not oppressively so. The rear seats also fold for more cargo storage. The Premium version (As Tested) adds a

carbon fibre roof and power bulge hood, (Also available as an option package to the Core trim.) there is the Automatic transmission, a wireless charger, eight-speaker JBL audio system, suede seat trim, dual-zone climate control, and a head-up display.

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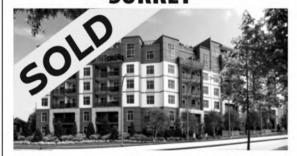
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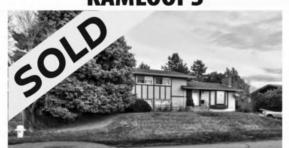
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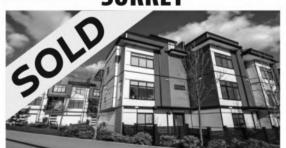
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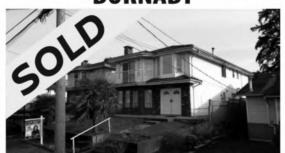
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Pannun's Derogatory Remarks On Dr Ambedkar Spark Tensions

Cikhs For Justice (SFJ) headed by Gurpatwant Singh Pannun recently released another video with a fiery message and this time the focus of his attack was India's revered leader Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution of India.

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Pannun said SFJ was responsible for vandalizing Ambedkar's statue at Nangal village in Phillaur sub division of Jalandhar district. The vandalism has sparked protests by the Dalit community.

A glass around the statue of Dr B R Ambedkar was found vandalised in Nangal village in Jalandhar's Phillaur this week. The statue, encased in glass, was discovered with Khalistan slogans and provocative graffiti scrawled across its cover. The inscriptions "Sikhs Are Not Hindus" and "Trump Zindabad" were painted on the glass, while two flags, one saffron and the other blue, bearing similar messages, were taped to the casing.

Pannu took responsibility for the defacement. He criticised Dr Ambedkar, accusing him of contributing to the erasure of Sikh identity through his role in drafting the Indian Constitution.

Sharing a video and a message on Ambedkar statues in Punjab, labeling them Instagram, Pannun said, "SFJ holds Dr. Ambedkar responsible for constitutionally labeling Sikhs as Hindus, citing Article 25(b) of the Indian Constitution, under which Sikhs are grouped as part of the Hindu faith for legal purposes — a move SFJ says erased Sikh identity and laid the groundwork for the 1984 Sikh Genocide. Calling Ambedkar the "enabler" of the Sikh Genocide."

He said, "With Ambedkar Jayanti (Bhim Jayanti) approaching on April 14, SFJ is calling for the statewide removal of all symbols of betrayal."

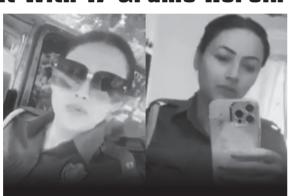
Addressing the incident, Jalandhar SSP Gurmeet Singh confirmed the vandalism and stating that an FIR is being filed. "The statue was well covered, but some mischievous elements wrote objectionable things on it. We are working on a line of investigation and expect a breakthrough soon," he said. This is not the first such incident involving the defacement of Ambedkar statues in Punjab. Earlier this year, a statue of Ambedkar was similarly vandalised in Amritsar.

"Insta Queen" Punjab Cop Sacked After **She Was Caught With 17 Grams Heroin**

Punjab Police dismissed senior woman constable Amandeep Kaur, a day after she was arrested for carrying 17.71 grams of heroin. Ms Kaur was arrested amid the Punjab government's ongoing anti-drug drive, 'Yudh Nasheyan Virudh,' following a tip-off.

Police, along with the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF), caught Ms Kaur's SUV, a Mahindra Thar, near the Badal flyover in Bathinda, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Harbans Singh, said.

"In a joint operation, we cordoned off the area under the Badal flyover. When we stopped a Thar and questioned the driver, it was a named Amandeep. She was accompanied by a man named Jaswant Singh. Upon searching the vehicle, we found 17.71 grams of heroin," said Harbans Singh Dhaliwal.



Kaur was deployed with the Mansa police and was attached to Bathinda Police Lines at the time of her arrest. The constable has been charged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. kaurdeep" on social media, regularly posts reels featuring her Thar. In most of the videos, Ms Kaur

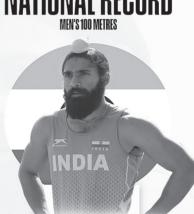
The police constable, who goes by the name "police_ can be seen in her uniform, humming popular Punjabi songs while wearing big shades and a fancy watch. She can also be seen carrying an expensive iPhone. Ms Kaur has over 37,000 followers on Instagram.

Punjab's Sprinter Gurindervir Singh Makes History As India's Fastest Runner

Punjab's sprinter Gurindervir Singh has made history as India's fastest runner, clocking a record time of 10.20 seconds in men's 100m at the Indian Grand Prix 1 in Bengaluru, breaking the previous record of 10.23 seconds set by Manikanta Hoblidhar. remarkable achievement captured the attention of Akal Takht, which has now recommended Shiromani

Gurdwara Parbandhak (SGPC) to honour him.

Gurindervir, a sprinter from the small village Patial of Bhogpur town in Jalandhar, has an impressive list of accolades, including a gold medal at the



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2017 Youth Asia Championships, a silver at the 2019 South Asian Games, and a bronze in the 2018 Junior Asia Championships the relay event. He also secured a gold at the Euro-Asian Championships.

Currently serving with the Indian Navy, Gurindervir's talent was nurtured when Reliance selected him for specialised training in Mumbai

under English coach James Hiller six months ago.

His remarkable feat is not just a personal victory, but a proud moment for all Punjabis, reaffirming that determination and discipline can overcome any obstacle.

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Asking-\$2,090,000

FORECLOSURE

Surrey; only 7 years old, 5740 SQ.ft lot, 3 Storey 4965, Sq.ft home, 9 bed, 9 bath, 2 suites.

Asking-\$1,999,000

FORECLOSURE

Langley; Look at this beauty only 7 years old, 3 story 5100 SQ.ft home, 12,500 SQ.ft 6 hath 2 suite double garage

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White Rock; 6800 SQ.ft lot, 1060 SQ.ft home, 2 bed, 1 bath, 53 yeards old.

FORECLOSURE

Panoroma Ridge; 15 years

old, 6 beds, 4 baths,

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FORECLOSURE

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White Rock; 54 years old home, 5134 SQ.ft lot, 3 beds,2 bath, 1926 SQ.ft home

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Surrey; 13 years old, 4000

Asking-\$1,439,000 **FORECLOSURE**

Langley: 40 Acres blurberry Surrey: 23 years old, 9747 farm with two homes, 3 car SQ.ft lot 3914 SQ.ft home, garage, main home is 4100 Sq.ft 5 beds, 5 bath.

7 beds, 5 bath, 2 suites. Asking-\$1.900.000

FORECLOSURE

SQ.ft lot 3835 SQ.ft home; 7 beds, 6 bath, double garage

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FORECLOSURE

Langley; 5 Acres older home, 5 beds, 3 bath, 3200 SQ.ft home.

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FORECLOSURE

Abbotsford; 5 Acres with older home, 5 beds, 3 baths, great. Asking \$1,399,000

Sunset Indo-Canadian Seniors' Society Pays Tribute To Martyrs And Environmentalist Of Punjab



By Zile Singh

Pounded in 1977, the Sunset Indo-Canadian Seniors' Society is perhaps the oldest society of seniors in the region. It not only wears the tag of "the oldest" but the society in non-political, non-profit, and secular in nature. It upholds the lived experiences of almost all professions of life, whether it is farming, teaching, law, banking, business, and industrial services. The Society meets every Thursday.

Last Thursday of each month is celebrated as "Seniors' Birthdays." falling during the month. This week the birthdays of Mr. Satwinder Singh Kemoh, Mr. Harbhajan Singh Jagpal, Raghbir Singh Kular and Mr. Gurdeep Singh Mann were celebrated. They were duly garlanded. A tea party was arranged in their honour.

This week's other highlights were the observance of Guru Gaddi Diwas of Guru Har Rai, and the Martyrdom Day



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This week birthdays of Mr. Satwinder Singh Kemoh, Mr. Harbhajan Singh Jagpal,
Raghbir Singh Kular and Mr. Gurdeep Singh Mann were celebrated.

of Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru, and Sukhdev. They were hanged to death in the Lahore conspiracy case on March 23, 1931. To start with, Gen. Secretary Surjit Minhas told the audience about the martyrdom of Subeg Singh and his son Sehbaz Singh in 1745 in Lahore when they refused to convert to Islam.

Dr. Jagjit Singh mentioned that Guru Har Rai was an environmentalist. Therefore, it is our duty to protect the environment to save our future generations from the scourge of environmental degradation. He talked about the food and water wastage

Speakers recited poetry on Sardar Bhagat Singh. Manjit Dhillon recited his father's patriotic poetry. Mr. Mukhtiar Boparai, Vice President spoke about the struggle of farmers in Punjab.

Mr. Rajinder Singh Pandher shed light on the deteriorating political culture in Punjab. Mr. Joginder Sunner spoke about his recent visit to Punjab. He expressed concern about the way Christianity is spreading in Punjab, especially in Gurdaspur region.

Mr. Tarlok Arshi, Mr. Surjit Bhatti, Jaswinder Bajwa, Dinesh Malhotra, Avatar Singh, Mr. Gurpal Pandher, Kuldip Jagpal, Sheetal Dosanjh and Gurnam Khangura spoke about the Shahidi divas and importance of good values in life. Mr. Ajant Singh Sandhu briefed the seniors on current national and international affairs.

Mr. Zile Singh, the Public Relations Director, spoke about Bhagat Singh's views on religion and the creation of a harmonious society without any discrimination. It is important to note that Bhagat Singh fought for the freedom of India not as a Hindu, a Muslim, a Sikh, or a Christian, but as an Atheist.

His last words were "Stay Together" One of his famous quotes, "Revolution is an inalienable right of mankind". Finally, let us all be brave enough to die the death of a martyr but let no one lust for martyrdom. The tyrant dies and his rule is over, the martyr dies, and his rule begins. It is the cause, not the death, that makes the martyr.

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Heat for the Streets! Toyota Corolla...

The Premium with its automatic transmission also has a new sub-radiator to enhance engine cooling.

On the road, The GR Corolla is exciting to drive with its low stance and super responsive engine and transmission combination. The handling and reflexes are quick as the 1.6-liter turbocharged three-cylinder engine transmits power

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minimum weight shift. Also tire squat under hard acceleration is also mitigated with revised rear dampers and a new sway bar. The exhilaration is also completed by the roar of the loud rasping exhaust note and the whooshing intake noise. Its a thrill for sure and the GR is extremely fast and satisfying to drive.

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) economy figures state the automatic equipped GR is rated at: 12.1 city, 8.6 highway, and 10.5 combined. Do note, the performance engine requires the use of

premium fuel to preserve its integrity and performance.

Downsides are few – the suspension is overly firm; the GR is expensive and is really a niche product that mostly performance drivers will fully appreciate. Highly recommended if big thrills in a small package is what you want- A future collectors cult car for sure! Wonderful.

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NEWS

B.C. Tech Companies Will Be On Display At World's Largest Tech Show In Germany

wenty-two B.C. companies **I** and universities will promote the province's unique technology products and services in Germany at Hannover Messe 2025, the world's largest tradeshow for industrial and energy technologies.

"As we expand our trade diversification globally, we're proud to showcase B.C.'s solutions to the challenges of advancing AI, improving energy efficiency and the impacts of climate change worldwide," said Diana Gibson, Minister of Jobs, Economic

Development and Innovation. "This is the largest number of B.C. companies that have chosen to travel to this event. Advancing our trade and investment opportunities on this global stage will open new markets for B.C.'s economy to grow and prosper."

B.C. companies in attendance represent key sectors, including energy transition and critical minerals, clean technology, and communications information



technology, creating more opportunities for B.C. businesses to export and attract investment, driving sustainable and innovative growth. B.C. will host a number of activations, events and panels. "B.C.'s reputation as a reliable trading partner with innovative solutions, a highly skilled workforce, and strong environmental, social and governance credentials will be a focal point during Hannover Messe 2025," said Rick

Glumac, Minister of State for Trade. "The companies participating at this tradeshow are just a sample of the breadth of innovation and investment opportunities available in B.C."

Canada is the partner country for Hannover Messe 2025, taking place in Hannover, Germany, from Monday, March 31, 2025, until Friday, April 4, 2025. More than 250 exhibitors and 260 delegates from Canada will showcase their industrial technology solutions and share their expertise in

six pavilions, highlighting Canada's strengths in artificial intelligence (AI) and other digital solutions, quantum technologies, robotics, advanced materials and clean-energy technologies.

"The spotlight will definitely be on Team Canada at Hannover this year," said Jayson Myers, chief executive officer of Next Generation Manufacturing Canada, the organization leading Canada's industrial presence at the fair. "And it couldn't come at a better time. The Hannover fair attracts

close to 200,000 buyers, suppliers and investors from more than 150 countries. There's no better place to showcase the leading-edge industrial technologies that Canada has to offer the world."

SATURDAY April 05, 2025 **A25**

B.C.'s deputy minister of jobs, economic development and innovation will lead the mainstage panel on Energy Transition - Innovation & the Bottom Line. This panel will showcase B.C.'s leadership in robotics, automation and advancing hydrogen technology, and will outline the important role governments play in leading and fostering innovation.

In addition to the activities at Hannover Messe 2025, the deputy minister will have meetings with international investors and clients to strengthen B. C.'s economy in key sectors, particularly energy transition and critical minerals, clean technology, and Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

more information about trade and investment in B.C., visit: https:// britishcolumbia.ca

Tips For Choosing The Best Tax Preparer For You

s tax season approaches, finding Aa qualified and trustworthy tax professional can be a challenge, especially when navigating complex personal or business filings. Choosing the right tax preparer is essential to ensure your unique financial needs are met with care and confidentiality.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) offers trusted resources to help Canadians make informed decisions and have a successful tax season.

"Protecting your personal or business information is critical during tax season. It's not always just about finding the lowest price or the most convenient option," said Neesha Hothi, BBB Director of Marketing. "In these cases where you're

sharing highly sensitive information, it's essential you don't settle for anything less than a trustworthy tax professional who can get the job done right the first time." Here are five things you should consider

when choosing a tax preparer:

Review the tax preparer's credentials. Chartered Professional Accountants and tax attorneys are all qualified to represent their clients to the CRA. Don't be afraid to ask about these or other qualifications before you hire someone.

Vet your options.

One of the best ways to find a trustworthy tax preparer is to ask your friends and family for recommendations. Who do they trust? Then, look out for the Sign of a Better Business and see if they have BBB

Accreditation. You should also cross-reference tax professionals on BBB.org to see if other customers have left reviews or complaints.

Think about availability.

If the CRA finds errors in your tax forms or decides to perform an audit, will your tax preparer

be available to help you with the details? Find out whether you can contact the tax preparer all year long or only during tax season.

Ask about fees ahead of time.

Before you agree to any services, read contracts carefully and understand how much the tax preparer charges for their services. Ask about extra fees for any



unexpected complications.

If things don't add up, find someone else. If a tax preparer can't verify their credentials, has a record of bad reviews from previous clients, or their business practices don't seem convincing, don't do business with them. This individual will handle your sensitive information, that you need to keep safe from fraudulent tax preparers and scammers.

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LOOKING FOR BRIDE

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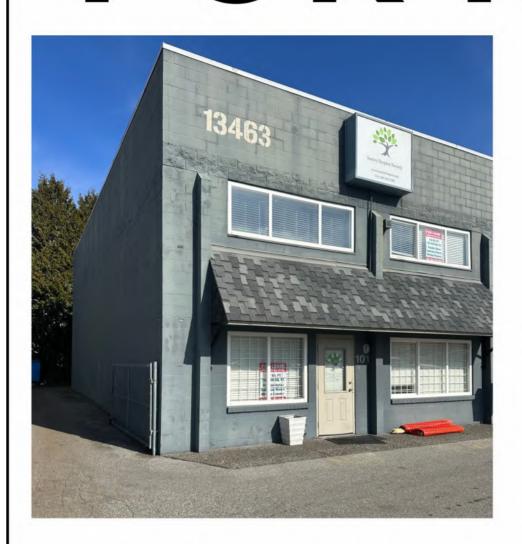
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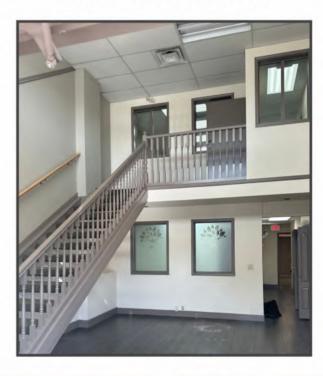
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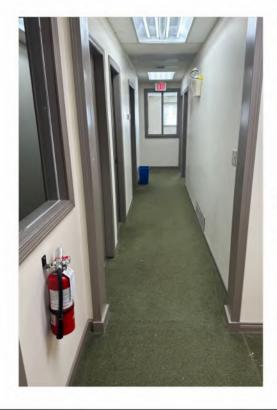
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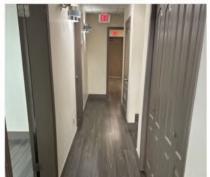






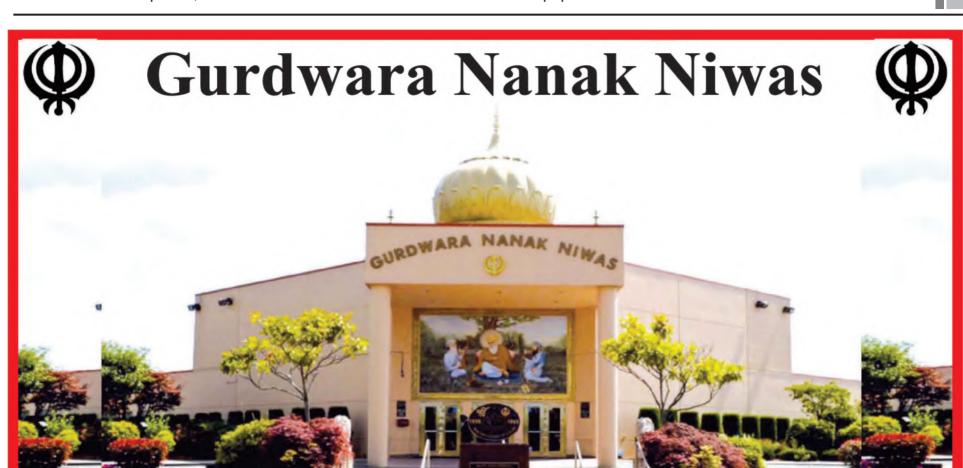








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Upcoming Program

WEEKLY PROGRAMS -

at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Binder Gill family.

4th April, Friday 5th April, Saturday

5th April, Saturday

at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Gurdish Singh Gill family. at 3:30 pm, Sri Sehaj Path bhog and antim ardas for late Raghunath Singh Parmar by the Parmar family.

6th April, Sunday

at 10:30 am, Bhog Sri Sahej Path by the Harchet Singh Harry family, Weekly Gurbani Kirtan Smagam, Katha Vichar and langar seva by the family.

11th April, Friday 12th April, Saturday 13th April, Sunday

at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Manjit Singh Sangha family. at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Prabhdeep Maan family. at 10:30 am, Weekly Kirtan Diwan, Katha Vichar Smagam and langar seva by the Sangat.

13th April, Sunday

at 5:00 pm, Path Sri Sukhmani Sahib ji, Gurbani kirtan and langer seva by the Kamaldeep Chahal

family.

Special Program

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12th April, Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sri Akhand Path Sahib will be started on the festival of Vaisakhi, with the support of the Gurdwara Management Committee and all the Sangat.

14th April, Monday at 5:00 pm, Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib Ji in connection with the day of Vaisakhi. Langar service will be provided for all three days by the entire Gurdwara Management Committee with the support of the Sangat.

19 July (Saturday), 11 September (Thursday) are available for Anand Karj. Please contact Kanwaljit Singh (Assistant Secretary) to book Anand Karj.

All the Sangat are requested to come to the weekly Kirtan Diwan and Katha Vichar Smagam every Sunday morning from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. The Sangat is invited to come to the weekly

If any family wishes to do seva of Gurbani Kirtan and Langar in the weekly Diwan, they should contact the Management Committee.

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*Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM, Path Sri Sukhmani Sahib Ji by the Bibian and the Langer service will be provided by the group of Sukhmani Sahib Walian Bibian.

*Important Information:

Punjabi classes have started in Punjabi schools from Sunday, January 5th. Please enroll your children in the school so that they can speak, read and write Punjabi. For more information, contact Secretary S. Balwant Singh Sanghera 604-836-8976

Daily Program: 5:00 am Prakash Guru Granth Sahib, 6:00 am to 6:45 am Nitnem, 7:00 am to 7:30 am Kirtan Dewan, 7:30 am to 1:45 am Katha, 7:45 am to 8:00 am Ardaas Evening Diwan: Rehras Sahib 6.00 pm to 6.20 pm, Kirtan 6.30 pm to 7.15 pm, Ardas/Hukamnama 6.20 pm to 6.45 pm, Sukh Aasan 8.00 pm

For more information, log in to the Gurdwara Sahib website! www.nanakniwas.ca

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Ameesha Patel Defends Salman Khan-Rashmika Mandanna's

Age Gap In Sikandar: 'Jab Jodi Chalti Hai...'

Actor Ameesha Patel has spoken out about the controversy surrounding Salman Khan and Rashmika Mandanna's significant age gap in Sikandar. Ameesha is perplexed by the attention the 31-year age difference is receiving, wondering why it's causing such a commotion.

Ameesha on Salman-Rashmika's age gap At a recent event in Mumbai, Ameesha was queried about her thoughts on the ongoing debate surrounding the significant age gap between Salman and Rashmika.

Responding to the photographer, Ameesha reminded people about sharing screen space with Sunny Deol twice in Gadar: Ek Prem Katha and Gadar 2.

Ameesha, who has worked with Salman in Yeh Hai Jalwa, said, Mere aur Sunny (Deol) ji mein bhi to 20 saal ka gap tha, par jab jodi chalti hai to chalti hai (There was a 20-year age gap between me and Sunny (Deol) ji as well, but when a pair works, it works). Anyways, Salman is just muah (flying kiss gesture)." What did Salman Khan say? During the trailer launch of Sikandar in Mumbai, Salman tackled the of people criticising his decision to star alongside younger Rashmika, highlighting their 31year age gap.

He said, "Phir woh bolte hain 31 years ka difference hai heroine aur mujh mein, arrey jab heroine ko problem nahi hai, heroine ke papa ko dikkat nahi hai, tumko kyun dikkat hai bhai? Inki shaadi hogi, bachchi hongi, toh unke sath bhi kaam karenge. Mummy ki permission toh mil hi jayega (Then they say there's a 31-year age gap between me and the heroine. But if the heroine has no problem, and even her father has no



do you have a problem, brother? When she gets married and has a daughter, I will work with her daughter too. Her mother's permission will be sorted)". Rashmika was seen laughing at Salman's remark at the trailer launch.

who is best known for films like Ghajini. The film follows Salman as Sikandar who is on his quest for justice, in order to protect the three individuals his wife had donated organs to. The film was released in theatres on Sunday and failed to elicit the expected response.

Manoj Kumar Death | Prem **Chopra Shares** His Friend Wasn't **Picking Up Calls** In His Last Days



The Indian film industry woke up to the sad news of veteran actor-filmmaker Manoj Kumar passing away. As the industry mourns his loss, his friend and costars of many films, Prem Chopra revisits his bond with the late artiste.

Prem Chopra says, "Manoj Kumar was very close to me and I've lost a dear friend of mine. We have worked together from Shaheed to Kranti, and we shared all sorts of moments, be it of laughter or creativity. I used to feel very proud that I was standing next to him because he was a cinema man. He used to write his own scripts and dialogues, and sometimes even operate the camera."

Ask him if they were in touch recently, and Prem Chopra shares, "I tried calling him in recent times, but he wasn't picking up the calls. We didn't mind it because we knew he wasn't doing well. But where Manoj Kumar has created history is that every film of his had a great message for the country. He has always glorified India, even his name was Bharat. He's done a great job and one could never forget his contribution to the cinema. I'm going to miss him forever."

Prem and Manoj worked together in films like Kranti, Woh Kaun Thi?, Upkar, Shaheed, Purab Aur Paschim, amongst many others.

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Parmish Verma Says Punjabi Singers Are Accused Of Promoting Guns Even As Hindi Songs Have '200 People Dancing With Guns'

Singer-actor Parmish Verma is one of the most popular faces and names in the Punjabi entertainment industry today. With his songs and films, the artist has not just amassed fans but left a mark on pop culture too. But quite very often, Parmish has faced criticism for promoting guns and violence through his work, a charge Punjabi artists face routinely. In an interview with HT, Parmish responds to the charges.

Parmish Verma on Punjabi music promoting guns

When asked about why Punjabi songs are singled out for promoting violence or guns, Parmish talks about Punjabi love ballads first. "There are songs like Asi Tere Sheher Nu or Peed Tere Jaan Di (by Gurdas Maan). They are also Punjabi music," he says, adding, "Any culture's music is a reflection of their emotions. Even when talking about love, Punjabi music talks in excess, crossing all limits. They say Asi

Tere Sheher Nu Salaam Kar Chale that I will even leave your city now."

Justifying how guns and bullets fit into

the Punjabi music scene, Parmish

says, "Punjabi music goes to the depth of every emotion. If there is heartbreak, there is sacrifice. If there is annoyance, there is anger. And if there is rage, there is a gun. It's about taking every emotion to the extreme."

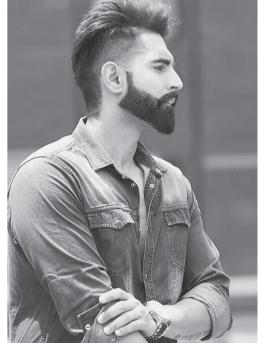
Parmish Verma's gripe with critics
But the singerturned-actor
has a gripe
against these
critics who call

Punjabi

music for promoting guns: why isn't the same criticism meted out to other industries, including Hindi cinema? Parmish says, "We look at, let's

say, Hindi films, where they have 200 people holding guns and dancing. We look at that as just a song, but when a Punjabi singer holds a gun, they say, 'Aap guns promote kar rahe (you are promoting guns)' There is

m o r e



content created around guns in Hindi than from Punjab.

Parmish most recently appeared in his debut web series, Kanneda. The actor plays a Punjabi rapper-turned-gangster in 1990s Canada

in the JioHotstar show.

Kanneda also stars

Zeeshan Ayyub,

Ranvir Shorey,

Jasmin

Bajwa,

and Aadar

Malik.

Tandon reveals
Karan Johar's shocking
question before using
her name in
Kar Gayi Chull song



Rapper Badshah's Kar Gayi Chull is a mandatory party anthem in any Bollywood party. The song was used in Karan Johar-produced Kapoor & Sons to introduce Alia Bhatt and Sidharth Malhotra in the film. The music and choreography are an overall banger but the hook step to 'Matak matak jese Raveena Tandon' takes the cake. Actor Raveena Tandon recently appeared on the sets of Indian Idol 15 and recalled a rather shocking incident related to the song.

Indian Idol season 15 set to have a grand finale this weekend. Among other Bollywood celebrities, Raveena will be gracing the occasion with a special appearance. In a promo clip, posted by Sony TV on Instagram, the actress can be seen talking to judges Shreya Ghoshal, Vishal Dadlani and Badshah and recalling an interesting anecdote about the song. Raveena said that she didn't know about the song being used in the film, and also mentioned about receiving a strange call from Karan.

Katrina Kaif

Didn't Have Rhythm,
Struggled With
Dance Steps,'
Recalls Terence
Lewis, Praising Her
Transformation

Actor Katrina Kaif has solidified herself as an outstanding dancer in Bollywood, giving foot-tapping hits like Chikni Chameli, Sheila Ki Jawani, and Afghan Jalebi, to name a few from a long list. But do you know, Katrina wasn't a born dancer? Choreographer Terence Lewis, in a recent interview, said the actor didn't have the rhythm when she debuted in 2003 but marvelled at her transformation over the years.

'She was struggling with dance steps'

In an interview with Pinkvilla, Terence said, "I remember her coming to my studio way back when Boom had just released. She was doing a diamond jewellery show. We were trying to teach her. She was also very young, fresh to India, very like 'What am I supposed to do?' And it wasn't very Bollywood, we kept it more Western, but still, she was struggling with the dance steps. Rhythm was not there," said

However, when Terence saw Katrina's killer moves in Zara Zara Touch Me from Race (2008) he couldn't believe it was the same girl he had met.

"After Boom, I did a show with her. She didn't have that figure. And she couldn't dance the way... When she did Zara Zara Touch Me, I called up Bosco (Martis, choreographer) and said, 'Is this the same girl, with that figure?' One of the most hardworking actors, Katrina Kaif. Because she was not a dancer. She wasn't trained as a dancer. And she was very tall and statuesque, a big built. How she's worked on her body! How she's worked on her dance! Commendable," the choreographer added.

Terence reveals the best dancers in Bollywood When asked about who he considered the best dancers in Bollywood, Terence mentioned several names but highlighted Deepika Padukone's grace and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan's beauty onscreen.



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